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For: PRESSURE-LOADED PANEL AND USE FOR BOAT AND CONTAINER
CONSTRUCTION

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April 15, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated January 15, 2003, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claim 10 for the corresponding claim
previously presented.

10. (Currently Amended) A panel for a vessel wall having a longer side and a
shorter side, and a side aspect ratio of at least 1.5, and comprising:

a rigid plastic plate having at least two reinforcing laminated layers bonded
together of substantially unidirectional substantially parallel fibers having predominant
orientations that form an angle with said sides of said panel;